

EXHIBIT A

COUNTY CLERK'S USE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 360 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)		CITY CLERK'S USE
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LEAD CITY AGENCY City Council/Department of City Planning		COUNCIL DISTRICT ALL
PROJECT TITLE Backyard Beekeeping in Single Family Residential Zones		LOG REFERENCE CPC-2015-578-CA
PROJECT LOCATION Single-family residential zones (RA, RE, RS, R1)		
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: An amendment to Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zones.		
NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:		
CONTACT PERSON Katherine Peterson	AREA CODE 213	TELEPHONE NUMBER 978-1445
This is to advise that on _____ the City of Los Angeles has made the following determinations: EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES Sec. 15268	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES Art. II, Sec. 2b
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Sec. 15269	Art. II, Sec. 2a (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Sec. 15269 (b) & (c)	Art. II, Sec. 2a (2) & (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Sec. 15300 <i>et seq.</i>	Art. III, Sec. 1
Class 3, 8 Category 15303, 15308 _____ (State CEQA Guidelines)		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and City guideline provision.		
JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: The adoption of this ordinance would permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zones. The Project would require a barrier between the hives and all adjacent lots, considered to be small structure structures pursuant to City of Los Angeles Environmental Act Guidelines, Article III, Class 3. The Project includes regulations, as outlined in the ordinance, that would ensure the health of bees and provide for the enhancement of local gardens and the environment.		
IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.		
SIGNATURE 	TITLE City Planning Associate	DATE 4/30/15
FEE:	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D. BY
		DATE

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NARRATIVE:**Backyard Beekeeping Ordinance**

CPC-2015-578-CA

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I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Backyard Beekeeping Ordinance, or “Project,” amends the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family neighborhoods, and includes basic maximum hive number, distancing, barrier, and hive positioning, and water provision requirements. The proposed regulations are listed below:

- Regulations
 - Register as a beekeeper with the County of Los Angeles.
 - Maximum of one hive per 2,500 square feet of Lot area.
 - Hives must be placed a minimum 5 feet from lot lines, and 20 feet from public right-of-way/private street.
 - Hive entrances face away from or parallel to nearest lot line.
 - 6-foot wall or vegetative barrier between hives and adjacent lots, or placement of hives minimum of 8 feet above ground level of adjacent lot.
 - A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the property where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming pools, hose bibs and other water sources on adjacent public or surrounding property.

II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

With increasing concern for the health of our bee population, and the impact on plant pollination, and therefore on our food system, there has been an increase in interest locally and across the country in “backyard beekeeping”. While beekeeping (apiaries) is allowed by-right in A1, A2, and MR1 zones in the City of Los Angeles, it is currently not allowed in residential zones. Allowing backyard beekeeping in residential zones would help support the bee population and our food system, while ensuring, through regulations, the health of bee colonies in the hives, as well as the safety and health of neighboring residents.

The City Council Motion (Council File No. 12-0785) directed the Department of City Planning and the Department of Animal Services to report back on the feasibility of beekeeping in R zones. Since introduction of the Council Motion, the Planning Department has been in communication with Animal Services and Building and Safety Departments, as well as Council offices, and has prepared a draft ordinance proposing to allow beekeeping in single-family residential zones (R1, RS, RE9, RE11, RE15, RA, RE20, and RE40). The proposed ordinance is considered the Project in review in this document.

Planning staff have researched beekeeping ordinances in Southern California and several cities in other states for model regulations of beekeeping in single-family neighborhoods. Staff have consulted with biologists specializing in bees to verify that requirements function

to minimize conflict between bees and human neighbors. Staff has also consulted with planning staff at the City of Santa Monica about the success of their beekeeping ordinance, and reviewed beekeeping ordinances in several other cities, including those that Santa Monica's ordinance is based upon. This proposed ordinance is draws from other cities' adopted and successful ordinances, consultations with biologists, and on suggestions from beekeeping stakeholders gathered during public outreach.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER CEQA

The proposed Beekeeping Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA). Staff has concluded that the following CEQA exemptions are appropriate for the proposed Project:

- A. *State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15303, **Class 3** consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel."*

City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Article III, Class 3 includes accessory structures, such as fences, as part of this exemption. The proposed Project would require a wall or vegetative barrier of a height of 6 feet between the hives and all adjacent lots. While most properties in Los Angeles already meet the minimum fence requirement set forth in the proposed Project, it is feasible that, in some cases, property owners may need to construct a wall or plant a vegetative barrier. The purpose of the required barrier is to ensure that bees assume a flight pattern at an elevation of at least 6 feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary in order to limit bee interactions with neighboring residents. The physical form of the barrier is consistent with the exemption per 15303.

- B. *State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15308, **Class 8** consists of "actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption"; and*

City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Article III, Class 8 consists of "actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by State or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption."

The proposed Project would permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods with basic limits on the maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source and hive positioning; the regulations are set forth in

the Project Description section. The proposed regulations would ensure the health of bees and provide for the enhancement of local gardens through pollination of local trees, vines, and other plants. The healthy growth of bee colonies would increase the production and quality of fruits, vegetables, and flowers in home gardens.

IV. **EXCEPTIONS TO THE USE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS**

CEQA Section 15300.2: Exceptions to Categorical Exemptions

As explained below, the Project does not satisfy the criteria for exceptions to the application of Section 15300, Class 3 or Class 8 of the State CEQA Guidelines:

- A. *Location: Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located. A project that is ordinarily insignificant in its effect on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes may not be utilized where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

This exception applies to Class 3 Categorical Exemptions where the Project is located in a particularly sensitive environment. The City of Los Angeles precisely designates maps and officially adopted areas of special resources and hazards in the Safety Element of the General Plan in 1996. The proposed Project expands backyard beekeeping to single-family zoned neighborhoods; there are zones within the boundaries of the sensitive environments illustrated in the Safety Element. Per Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide, Chapter 4, Section F Hazards, which identifies the thresholds at which there is a significant impact, each designated and adopted map of the Safety Element has been reviewed. The resulting analysis per each map is as follows:

Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zones and Fault Rupture Study Areas: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur in areas currently assumed to be along an active or potentially active fault line as illustrated in Exhibit A of the Safety Element, however, backyard beekeeping will not have any impact on the fault lines. This is because the proposed Project merely permits beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected to alter the existing conditions and expose people to further risk.

Areas Susceptible to Liquefaction: Exhibit B of the Safety Element identifies liquefiable areas with ground water at less than 30 feet deep, and potentially liquefiable areas with ground water between 30 and 50 feet deep. It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur in areas susceptible to liquefaction, however, backyard beekeeping will not have any impact on liquefiable ground or potentially liquefiable ground. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or

increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected to alter the existing conditions and expose people to further risk.

Landslide Inventory and Hillside Areas: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur in hillside areas and areas susceptible to landslides, however, backyard beekeeping will not have a significant impact on the identified areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected to alter the existing conditions and expose people to further risk.

Selected Wildfire Hazard Areas: Exhibit D of the Safety Element identifies selected wildland fire hazards and selected urban fire and secondary hazards. It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur in areas near wildfire hazard areas, however, backyard beekeeping will not have a significant impact on the hazards or hazard areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected alter the existing conditions and expose individuals to further risk of wildfires.

Oil Field and Oil Drilling Areas: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur above an oil field and near oil drilling areas, however, beekeeping will not have an impact on the identified areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The project will not restrict access to oil drilling areas and will not impact existing maintenance and operation facilities on the oil fields or oil drilling areas.

100-Year and 500 Year Flood Plains: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur on or near the flood plains, however, backyard beekeeping will not have an impact on the identified areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected to alter the existing conditions and expose individuals to further risk of floods.

Inundation and Tsunami Hazard Areas: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur in or near the hazard areas, however, backyard beekeeping will not have an impact on the identified areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the Project is not expected to alter the existing conditions and expose individuals to further risk of inundation and tsunamis.

Critical Facilities and Lifeline Systems: It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur near dependent care and emergency facilities, other major lifeline facilities, and transportation routes, however, backyard beekeeping will not have a significant impact on the identified areas. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance. Therefore, the proposed Project will not have a significant impact on critical facilities and lifeline systems.

- B. Cumulative Impact: *The exception applies when, although a particular Project may not have a significant impact, the impact of successive projects, of the same type, in the same place, over time is significant.*

There are no successive projects of the same type, in the same place, planned for the City of Los Angeles, therefore, the Project will not have a significant impact over time. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

- C. Significant Effect Due to Unusual Circumstances: *This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.*

There is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. The proposed Project would allow for the protection of the environment by ensuring the health of bees and providing for the enhancement of local gardens through pollination of local trees, vines, and other plants.

Additionally, as set forth in the Additional Factual Support section, any impact from the proposed Project is less than significant.

- D. Scenic Highways: *This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there may be damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.*

The only designated State Scenic Highway in Los Angeles County is Route 2 from 2.7 miles north of State Route 210 at La Canada to the San Bernardino County Line. The designated State Scenic Highway is not located within Los Angeles City Boundaries;

therefore, the proposed Project does not impact any State Scenic Highway. It is plausible that backyard beekeeping may occur near designated City Scenic Highways as illustrated in Map E of the Transportation Element of the Los Angeles General Plan. However, any beehives and barriers installed as a result of the Project would not obstruct Scenic Highway vistas, as they are similar to other accessory uses in single-family zoned neighborhoods found near Scenic Highways. The Project will not result in damage to scenic resources including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources due to regulations.

E. Hazardous Waste Sites: Projects located on a site or facility listed pursuant to California Government Code 65962.5.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has not listed any single-family zoned parcel within the Project area as a hazardous material site (Envirostor Database); therefore, the exception does not apply.

F. Historical Resources: Projects that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

The proposed Project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section CEQA 15064.5. Hives associated with Backyard Beekeeping are not alterations or additions to historic resources; they are small, stand alone, moveable structures. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning. Therefore, the Project would not cause a substantial change in the significance of historical resources, including but not limited to, historical buildings, landmarks, monuments, or similar resources.

V. ADDITIONAL FACTUAL SUPPORT

Below is a consideration of all categories on the Initial Study Checklist to demonstrate further that no exceptions apply to the exemptions:

Aesthetics

The proposed Project will have zero to minimal aesthetic environmental effects. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

Due to regulations, the proposed Project will not degrade the existing visual character or quality of the Project site and its surroundings in either natural or urban areas. The Project will not introduce contrasting features into- nor result in the loss of aesthetically valued natural or urban areas, eliminate context or associations with history, nor create visual discord where there have been apparent conservation efforts in natural or urban areas.

Agriculture and Forestry Resources

According to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program for Los Angeles County (2012), there exists a small amount of designated farmland of statewide importance, unique farmland, and farmland of local importance in the vicinity of the Project area. A significant impact would occur if the proposed Project were to result in conversion of farmland to another non-agricultural use, or indicated as agricultural under a Williamson Act contract. The scope of the Project, however, does not include farmland or agricultural zones. The proposed Project would merely regulate beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. It is plausible that the proposed Project would enhance the quality of fruits, vegetables and flowers through the resulting pollination in home gardens, farmland, or agricultural land. Therefore, the proposed Project will not have a negative impact on agricultural uses.

Air Quality

The Project is located in the South Coast Air Basin, within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The SCAQMD is directly responsible for reducing emissions from stationary, mobile, and indirect sources, and has established standards for air quality constituents generated by construction and by operational activities. The 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was prepared to comply with federal and state air quality standards. Projects consistent with forecasts identified in the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide (RCPG) -prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - are considered consistent with the AQMP, since the Growth Management Chapter of the AQMP is based on forecasts identified in the RCPG. Moreover, a project consistent with a City's land use designations is considered consistent with the RCPG and is, ultimately, consistent with the AQMP. The proposed Project would be inconsistent or

conflict with the AQMP if it exceeded population or employment growth forecasts in the AQMP. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and will not introduce new population or increase development. Therefore, the proposed Project does not conflict with or obstruct the implementation of the AQMP, violate any air quality standard, or contribute to a net increase of any criteria pollutant.

Biological Resources

The proposed Project will not create changes in conditions that could yield an incremental increase in potential impacts to any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species. There are no biological resources, including riparian habitat, or other sensitive natural community or federally protected wetlands, native resident or migratory fish/wildlife species that would be negatively impacted. The proposed Project would not result in direct removal, filling, or hydrological interruption to any resources. Moreover, the proposed Project does not conflict with any local protection of biological resources. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The proposed Project will not introduce new population or increase the likelihood of new development as a result of this ordinance.

Cultural Resources

The proposed Project would not cause an adverse change of historical resource as defined in CEQA 15064.5. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. It does not supersede any existing regulation or protection of historic resources, such as nationally designated monuments or buildings in a historic preservation overlay zone.

The proposed Project does not disturb, damage, or degrade unique archaeological sites, paleontological resources, or geologic features. This is because the proposed Project will not generate any construction or operation activities which may impact the surface or subsurface of the ground at or near archaeological sites, paleontological resources, or geologic features.

Geology/Soils

The proposed Project in and of itself will not pose any risks to humans or property damage due to potential regional earthquakes. As is common in the Southern California region, there will be continued risks of human injury and property damage because of potential regional earthquakes. While generally the potential exists for geologic hazards due to geologic and seismic conditions throughout the City, this specific Project proposes no changes that would alter these conditions because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include

basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. The Project proposes no land use changes and thus there would be no changes in topography or surface relief features beyond what would otherwise occur. The proposed Project does not supersede any existing regulation related to geology and soils.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

An increase of backyard beekeeping may reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to pollination of plants in gardens and other open space throughout the city. Ultimately, the pollination would also support local food sources, which reduces long distance transport of produce and a decrease of greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed Project would not generate greenhouse gas emissions nor conflict with regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods through basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

Hazards & Hazardous Materials

The proposed Project would not result in the routine transport, use, production or disposal of hazardous materials. The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods through basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. The proposed Project would not involve the use of potentially hazardous materials that could create a significant public hazard through the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment. Backyard beekeeping does not involve the transport or use of hazardous materials. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Project would not result in any change from the baseline conditions.

Hydrology/Water Quality

The proposed Project does not involve any change in density or incentives for increased construction activity; therefore, it would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, nor would it have a significant impact on groundwater supplies or groundwater recharge. This is because the proposed Project would not substantially alter existing drainage patterns of a site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion on- or off-site.

The proposed Project would not create or contribute to runoff water or substantially degrade water quality. The proposed Project is not a physical project, does not impact levees or dams, and thus would not threaten to expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.

The proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

Land/Planning

The proposed Project is an amendment to the LAMC. The proposed Project would permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. In accordance with Charter Section 556, the proposed Project is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan.

The Project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding mitigating an environmental effect and does not conflict with any conservation plan.

Mineral Resources

It is plausible that the Project may occur on or near areas identified by the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) as containing significant mineral deposits, or where it is judged that a high likelihood exists for their presence. Major mineral deposits are located in the Big Tujunga Wash and the Los Angeles River flood plain. However, the only available extraction site is in the Tujunga alluvial fan, which is not within the Project area. Much of the areas identified as significant mineral deposits have already been developed with structures and is inaccessible for mining extraction. The proposed Project would not involve digging or extraction of minerals that would result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource or locally important mineral source recovery site. The Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods.

Noise

The proposed Project would not result in the exposure of persons or generation of noise levels in excess of standard levels. Any noise levels deriving from activities associated to backyard beekeeping would not result in the exposure of people to, or generation of excessive ground borne noise levels or create a substantial periodic or permanent increase in ambient noise levels. The proposed Project would not cause a substantial increase in ambient noise levels above the existing because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

Population/Housing

The proposed Project would not impact the distribution of population and housing citywide. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods through basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section. Residential uses can continue operating in the same fashion as they did prior to adoption of the proposed Project.

Public Services

The City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) have fire and police stations strategically located throughout the City. The proposed project would not result in an increase in population and, thus, would not generate a need for new or altered protection facilities. The proposed Project is not proposing to use, manufacture, or store toxic, readily combustible, or otherwise hazardous material; the proposed Project merely permits beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. Therefore, the proposed Project and any associated activities would not create hazards that would increase the need for protection or exceed the capacity of the LAFD or LAPD to serve any Project area.

The proposed project does not result in any local or regional population increase or in the construction of new housing. Therefore, the Project would not require the construction of new schools, or result in schools exceeding their capacities.

Recreation

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 17.12, the City requires land dedication or payment of fees for park or recreational purposes for projects involving residential subdivisions. The fees are used to acquire land or develop new parks or recreational facilities to serve the residential developments. However, the proposed Project does not affect recreational facilities because the Project is not proposing the construction or expansion of housing units; the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods. The Project will not result an increase in population that would cause or accelerate a substantial physical deterioration of recreational resources. Public recreational facilities will continue operating in the same fashion as they did prior to adoption of the proposed Project.

Transportation/Traffic

The proposed Project applies only to single-family zones and it does not involve any zone changes which would increase population density in single-family neighborhoods. No direct or indirect impacts are expected on existing traffic patterns and road capacity.

The proposed Project would not exceed a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads and highways nor result in a change in air traffic patterns. Since the proposed Project applies only to single-family zoned

properties, it would not affect street design. The proposed Project does not regulate any public thoroughfare and does not include any regulations that would conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation. This is because the Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

Utilities/Service Systems

The proposed Project would not encourage nor limit construction, but rather permit beekeeping as an accessory in single-family zoned neighborhoods. Furthermore, the proposed Project will not result in increased density or population growth. Therefore, the proposed Project would not impact utilities and service systems. The proposed Project would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable regional water quality control board, nor require construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities. The proposed Project would not require the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities. The proposed Project would not have an effect on water supplies, nor affect wastewater treatment. Moreover, the proposed Project would not have any solid waste disposal needs or generate solid waste disposal itself.

Mandatory Findings of Significance

As noted previously, the proposed Project would not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce fish or wildlife population, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major period of California history or prehistory. This is because the proposed Project would merely permit beekeeping as an accessory use in single-family zoned neighborhoods and include basic maximum hive number, and requirements for distancing, barrier, water source, and hive positioning; the regulations are outlined in the Project Description section.

The proposed Project would not have environmental effects which could cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly as outlined in previous sections. As noted in the Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions section, the proposed Project would not have a cumulatively considerable impact.